

**STATE OF INDIANA
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DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS**

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6. IC 14-37-9-1(b) requires that, where owners of separate tracts within an established drilling unit do not agree to integrate their interests, the IDNR shall require the owners to integrate their interests in order to prevent waste or the drilling of unnecessary wells.
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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER OF INTEGRATION

1. IC 14-37-9 and any rules promulgated thereunder apply and are pertinent to the subject matter of the Application filed herein.
2. There has been full compliance with all notice requirements provided by law, and all interested parties have been afforded an opportunity to be heard.
3. The IDNR and the Division have jurisdiction to hear this matter and authority, as delegated by the Natural Resources Commission, to order the integration of interests in accordance with IC 14-37-9-1(b)
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August 22, 2008
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Herschel L. McDivitt, Director
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